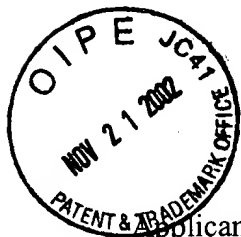


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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office on June 19, 2002. Reconsideration and further examination are  
requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition  
for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

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